

HOUSE BILL 2331

By Parkinson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-11-202; Section 2-7-112 and Section 55-50-336, relative to obtaining photo identification for the purpose of voting.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-11-202, is amended by adding the following language as a new subsection (c):

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(1) Upon the effective date of this act, the coordinator of elections, in coordination with the commissioner of safety, shall establish a mobile unit program to equip a mobile unit or units, as provided in subdivision (2), to issue photo identifications free of charge to those persons who meet the requirements of § 55-50-336 for the purpose of voting. The program shall require that such mobile unit or units, as necessary, become available for use no later than July 1, 2012.

(2) The mobile unit or units shall be moved throughout the state to predetermined locations on established dates and times with emphasis on traveling to those areas in the state having a high concentration of residents who are unable to travel to distant locations to obtain a photo identification. The focus of these mobile units shall be to provide services to the elderly, the disabled and indigent residents living in remote areas of the state who are more unlikely to have the ability or lack of transportation to travel to a facility where the photo identification can otherwise be obtained.

(3) The coordinator of elections shall publish on its website the times and locations when the mobile unit will be in a specific location and shall notify the county election commission of such dates and times. The county election commission shall, through the most effective means, notify the voters within the county concerning the location, date and time when the mobile unit will be in that county.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.